



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re the Application of)
Collins, et. al)
Assignee: Bank of America Corp.)
Serial Number: 09/611,320)
Filing Date: July 6, 2000)
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Examiner: W. Fridie

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APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.193(b)(1)

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Sir:

The following reply brief is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.193(b)(1) in support of the Appeal filed September 20, 2002, and specifically in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed January 30, 2004.

II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In order to clarify the record in this appeal, appellant would like to point out that while the Examiner's Answer indicates that the Supplemental Appeal Brief does not contain a statement regarding related appeals and interferences (Examiner's Answer at 2), such a statement is included at page 2 of the Supplemental Appeal Brief filed September 30, 2003. As stated in the Supplemental Appeal Brief, there are no other appeals or interferences